

## LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

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**To:** Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 39228, dated May 19, 2011 for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

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**Subject:** Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

**Question 1:** Is this a renewal for an existing contractor/incumbent in place at MDEQ, or is this a new position? Is there a reason the position is open?

**Response:** **Graham Consulting is the contractor currently providing the services referenced in the LOC. The position is open because the current agreement expires June 30, 2011.**

**Question 2:** Are "Graham Consulting Services" & "CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc" allowed to bid for this SOW?

**Response:** **Yes; any Vendor that currently has a valid proposal on file at ITS in response to General RFP #3645 for Consulting Services may respond to this LOC.**

**Question 3:** As per 6.2.1 "Oracle 8/8i/9i/10/11 development and administration - 8 Years (combined)". Does that mean the candidate needs to have both experience as an Oracle PL/SQL developer as well as an oracle DBA?

**Response:** Individual(s) proposed must have some experience in Oracle database administration, as the awarded individual(s) may need to maintain a development copy of the database off-site. Most of the work is PL/SQL development.

**Question 4:** As per 5.5 "Training - Provide training and mentoring services to developers and data administrators". Does that mean the candidate needs to be an expert both as a developer and a DBA?

**Response:** Training and mentoring services are needed for developers. MDEQ has a full-time in-house DBA.

**Question 5:** Is there a budget or rate range already established for this position?

**Response:** A budget range has not been established for this engagement. However, all State Agency budgets are considered public record and may be viewed at [www.dfa.state.ms.us](http://www.dfa.state.ms.us).

**Question 6:** How can a candidate have 8+ years with Experience with EPA's AFS unless they are already working there?

**Response:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Air Facility System (AFS) is not unique to MDEQ. EPA's AFS contains compliance and permit data for stationary sources regulated by EPA, state, and local air pollution agencies.

**Question 7:** What percentage of work would be developing apps and what percentage would be maintenance work?

**Response:** The work for this position will entail 75% new development/enhancement work on existing applications and 25% maintenance of existing/legacy applications.

**Question 8:** How can one earn the "value add" 5 points? Does it have to do with the company or the consultant proposed?

**Response:** Value-Add points are typically not awarded on services-related procurements. The company and consultant proposed will be evaluated using the stated functional and technical requirements. Value-Add points would be awarded for services proposed beyond those requirements at no additional charge. Please refer to LOC Item 10.1.3.

**Question 9:** How likely is it that a Face to Face interview be required for this position?

**Response:** An on-site interview may be required for this position. Please refer to LOC Item 7.12.

**Question 10:** Will individual(s) who are awarded this contract be required to enhance and support enSite?

**Response:** The awarded individual(s) will be required to provide support for enSite, but will not make any code changes to the application. Examples of enSite support are data migration, data fixes, and the development and support of tools outlined in this LOC that interface with enSite.

**Question 11:** The LOC requires experience in Oracle 8/8i/9i/10/11 (combined). Which version of Oracle is currently being used by enSearch?

**Response:** EnSearch currently uses Oracle 10g.

**Question 12:** Will there be features on the intranet version that will not be available on the online version of enSearch, or are these systems exact copies, just placed on different servers/hosts?

**Response:** EnSearch (the intranet application) is much more comprehensive than enSearch Online. EnSearch includes internal management tools as well as productivity tools for staff.

**Question 13:** Is this a new position or is there an incumbent providing the services, given that one of the mandatory requirements is for 8 years experience with EPA's AFS?

**Response:** Please see responses to Questions 1 and 6.

**Question 14:** Clarify and provide The State of Mississippi's definition of "Vendor." I am considering a teaming relationship with a vendor, US Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (RDECOM), who is part of the Federal government. Is this acceptable?

**Response:** Yes; Vendors should submit proposals that meet the requirements defined in the LOC. Vendors will not receive additional consideration for teaming ventures. Note that if multiple Vendors choose to partner or team together, MDEQ will only contract with a prime Vendor regardless of whom the subcontractors are. The prime Vendor must be a Vendor with a valid response to General RFP #3645.

LOC responses are due June 7, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Teresa Washington at 601-432-8049 or via email at [teresa.washington@its.ms.gov](mailto:teresa.washington@its.ms.gov).

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